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Author's Note

Okay guys, before you start reading, you need to know this was my first book I ever published on here, so it is pretty pathetic XD, anyways it was my first book so please go easy on me, if you want to see my more recent book, read Darkness Falls.

Enjoy ;)

Prologue

Featherstone stepped out into the sun, happy to get out of the dark of the cave. Breathing the morning air in she takes a few steps before she hears a yowl. ""**There's a fox! A fox in the camp!**" She ran tward the sound of cats in distress. She saw in the center of the camp a huge fox, bigger than she had ever seen. She lowered herself flattening her ears. She needed to do something! She unsheathed her claws and jumped on the back of the fox. She raked her claws from the top of the foxes back to the tip of it's tail and she grabbed the giant tail in her sharp jaw. The fox yowled while warriors jumped onto it's back taking it down. It tryed to make a attempt at getting up, but Featherstone doesn't let go, she stays firmly positioned on the tail of the fox. It whips around trying to get to her, but she would swing to the opposite side. The other warriors watched in awe. Featherstone made the last jolt of energy and swung onto the foxes back and raced to the front of its huge hiddious head. She grabbed it's eyes and raked them until they seemed like a distant memory. She bit the foxes ears until it was running away. She let go and hopped of the fox. Featherstone stood her ground as the fox ran away, tail between legs. "And you better not come back or you'll be crow-food!" She hissed looking at the awed faces of the warriors. She suppress a mrow of laughter. Embersnap walked up to her with his eyes with a confused look. "Where's Featherstone?" He asked. Featherstone laughed liking his pelt. "Right here."

The Three Clans

Moonclan

Leader: Lightstar- large swift white tom blue and green eyed

Deputy: Skypelt- small agile grey and white she-cat amber eyed

Medcat: Dappleshade- brown she-cat with white paws and legs green eyed

Warriors:

Emberfall- black and white spotted tom with blue eyes

Echodusk- small ash colored she-cat green eyed

Silvertail- silver colored she-cat with a milk white tail and ears, green eyed

Gleamwing- white she-cat with small spots of black along the back, green eyed

Ambereyes- black tom with very amber bright eyes

Queens: None

Elders:

Frostfoot- white tom with scars all along his back, blue eyed

Greystream- grey and white she-cat with blue eyes

Streamclan

Leader: Silverstar- large grey she-cat

Deputy: Coldfoot- brown tom

Medcat: Mossfur- brown and white tom

Warriors:

Stonetail- grey and black tom

Duskbreeze- black tom

Smalltail- small tom with a short tail, makes hunting harder

Gingerhoney- brown and light brown small she-cat

Queens: None

Elders: None

Duskclan

Leader: Shadestar- black large to

Deputy: Featherstone- small agile grey she-cat with bright blue eyes

Medcat: Smallleaf

Warriors:

Blackwhisp- black and grey tom

Mousewhisker- brown and white she-cat

Whisptallon- grey small she-cat

Yarrowmint- large yellow tom

Mintfur- grey and white she-cat

Queens:

Moonfur-grey she-cat *mother to Smallkit,Bramblekit*

Raintip-white and grey she-cat *mother to Ebonykit,Duskkit*

Elders:

Greyfrost grey and white tom

Chapter One Welcome Featherstone

Featherstone walked on the dark dust covered road. Her paws were sore from walking all day long for four days. She let out a exasperated breath. How long has it been since her clan left her, about three moons. She remembered the day when she was appointed *deputy, the day she chased out that fox. She was as heroes were treated, but she was kicked out, and never speaks of the reasons. She can't listen to what happened, just knowing makes her anxious. She wished that her mate had come with her, but he decided to leave her, like the rest of them. Featherstone shook her grey pelt, as dust flung around her she* licked *one paw still covered with her dry blood. They were more than forceful when they kicked her out, they were violent, almost as if the were trying to kill her. Featherstone walked on the path once more, but she caught the scent of mouse. Featherstone crouched low to the ground, getting ready to strike her prey, but before she would spring, something else go there before her. A cat? Who? She looked over at the cat suspension crept through her pelt. Someone come to kill her? No, more likely a rogue. "Excuse me, but-" She was cut off by the rouge.*
"I know what you going to say, but I caught it, so no you can't have it." He meowed grabbing the mouse between his jaws.
"Actually, I wasn't, and who are you?" She meowed with suspicion.
"I am called Blue," the black tom meowed gently, as if to calm Featherstone. "What are you called?"
"I'm Featherstone." She meowed hastily.
"Foxdung, another warrior, just what I need." He meowed walking a *few paces before stopped by Featherstone.*
"Your wrong," She meowed, "I use to be a warrior, but I was kicked out, and injured when thrown out." The black tom lowered his gaze from her eyes to her blood covered pelt.
"I see." He said padding away.
"Hey, wait! Don't leave me, please, I hate being alone..." She meowed running after him. "Please, don't, leave.." Blue sighed for a second looking a Featherstone.
"Fine, but you have to hunt for yourself.

"Okay!" She meowed back exited, her eyes shown bright blue. Blue shook his head and continued away from the dust path.
"Let's go." He meowed, with a half smile.

Chapter Two Dapplebird?

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Dapplekit- *small agile female kit, light brown with darker brown stripes on her head and blue eyes, lonely, shy, quiet, kit of Duskbreeze and Gingerhoney, her two littermates died in an attack from dogs, she was the only to survive, almost 6 moons old,* Special Ability: *can communicate with other species*

Dapplekit arose from her moss covered bed with a stretch. Mossfur padded in, his eyes glittered with joy. "Good morning Dapplekit, ready to come out? Maybe eat today?" He meowed licking her ears. Dapplekit didn't answer, she hasn't talked ever since the day her littermates died, nor ate very often. Mossfur shook his head and gave Dapplekit a soft nudge. Dapplekit slowly walked out of her den and spotted a bird on a branch. "Oh look at that, it's just asking me to catch it." Mossfur meowed looking at the bird. Dapplekit shook her head quickly, as if saying no, don't hurt it. She walked to the bird, light-footed. The bird looked at her, though not frightened, the bird slowly left the safety of the branch and landed on Dapplekit's shoulder . Dapplekit gently licked it, as Mossfur stared blankly at the bird. "So the rumors are true, it's as if you are a bird." Mossfur meowed, looking almost frightened. Dapplekit continued padding in the direction of the highstone, with the bird still on her. Mossfur padded behind her, watching as a bluebird landed on Dapplekit's head. All Dapplekit did was let out a soft grin, as well as purr. This was strange, strange indeed.

Chapter Three What Fox

Dapplekit came into the clearing, she saw all cats being addressed by Silverstar. She watched as all cats turned to her and saw the two birds, there was a silence and some gasps. She walked over to the crowd as she did, the birds let her, but once gone a cornsnake slithered onto her back, hissing at all the cats. Silverstar looked at her , wide eyed. "Now now, everyone calm down, it's only Dapplekit, no need for panic." She meowed looking at the crowd of cats, they all looked frightened, worried of what may happen. "The reason why I have asked all of you here is because Mossfur has had a vision." All cats turned to Mossfur. "His vision my bring good fortune, or perhaps bad." She added. "Two have fallen, one remaining, all together the strength of the forest shall defeat the dark ones, and yet alone, will be alone once more." All cats turned back to Dapplekit and the snake. Dapplekit lowered her head, as if she was worried they would attack her. The snake let out a large hiss, warning all cats to stay back. Silverstar glared at the snake, leaping down from the highstone. She beckoned with her tail for Coldfoot and Stonetail to meet her, and signaled all the others the meeting was over. Dapplekit watched as all cats walked away glaring at her. She walked slowly into the forest, asking for the snake to leave, it seemed to understand her and slithered off her back. Dapplekit walked over to a small puddle, and started to cry, tears ran down her face, she let out a large wail and layed down. She wondered what was so wrong with her, why did all resent her? Was it because of the animals? Was it her? Suddenly she heard all large snap, she turned her head quickly. She saw in front of her a large fox, she looked at it wide eyed. "Hello there." The fox said, silently walking over to her. Dapplekit had never s een a fox before, she was a little shocked and worried, but did reply.
"He-hello." She managed to choke out.
"You me don't need to be afraid young one, you are as if my own, I trust you. I feel as if I can trust you, and get close to you. I don't know what it is about you, normally I hate cats, but you, your diffrent, you can even understand me." The fox said looking it to the small puddle next to Dapplekit. Dapplekit nodded her head and licked a matted piece of fur

on the foxes tail, and gave a sweet loving smile.

Chapter Four Blue

||Featherstone||

It has been seven days since Featherstone and Blue met. Featherstone's eyes glistening with anticipation turned to Blue's face, wondering what he was thinking.

"You alright?" Blue asked turning to Featherstone, noticing her staring at him.

"O-oh, um, nothing." She replied looking at the ground.

"Stop for a second okay." Blue meowed stepping in front of Featherstone. "We've been walking for seven days, though you look as if you walking for a purpose. Though I have none, do you intend to find the clan you were left behind from?" He asked with no facial expression he stared into Featherstone's blue eyes.

"I have no purpose, but Blue, I want to stay with you." She meowed dodging Blue as he tried to stop her from walking ahead.

"Why is that?" He meowed catching her off guard. She stared back at him, wide eyed.

"I mustn't share that information with you, for I don't know the answer myself yet." She meowed quickly moving to the side knocking Blue to the ground. "I don't think you can stop me from going. If you came I would be happy, please decide, I don't want to leave you without a decision." She meowed turning back to Blue. He slowly arose from the ground, giving a soft sigh.

" Let's go, before sundown." He meowed, slightly shaking his head. Featherstone's eyes lit up as she walked with Blue. What was this feeling? Why did her heart feel as if it was going to explode? Featherstone began to feel uneasy. She shifted her paws, tripping onto the ground with a big yelp. Blue turned his head to see her on the ground, bursting with laughter.

"What am I going to do with you?" He meowed sarcastically. "Featherstone...um...your turning red, are you sick?" Blue meowed with a very worried look on his face as he leaned down to Featherstone's muzzle. She quickly shook her head, though her body felt as if it was anchored the the ground where she lay. Blue stood still, his warm breath was gently brushing against her pelt. Featherstone started to get a sticky feeling, it was as if sweat was dripping from head to paw.

"Blu-" She suddenly heard a a noise from a tree nearby, a bird, no. Blue didn't seem to even notice. She pushed him away and ran to the tree. Instantly smelling the scent of another cat.

"If it isn't Featherstone."

Chapter Five New kit

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|| Shadow||

" I'm so proud of you Shadow!" Shadow heard her mom praise her as she jumped a large tree and grasped a large squirrel in her jaws. She graceful leaped from the tree onto the ground , walking over to her mother. She carefully licked her muzzle, she glimpsed at her mother's black and white body, covered in large scars. Almost as if her mother noticed she gently licked Shadow's ear. " Don't worry so much." She says grabbing the squirrel happiness shone in her dull eyes, for the first time, it seemed as if everything was perfect.

"Hahahahhah." Shadow suddenly heard a voice crack from next to her. Who in the world is that? She turned to see a large black cat standing next to her, the cats mouth was stuck in a smile, she carefully stretched backwards.

"D-don't come near me!" Shadow screamed turning back to her mom, but to her horror her mother was laying motionless on the ground, a pool of blood around her body. "No...." Shadow's eyes filled with tears.

*"You did this, you killed her, it's all **your** fault!" The black cat said laughing.*

"NO, NO I DIDN'T!" Shadow screeched tears flooded her eyes as she started scratching at her pelt. "NO NO NO NO." She repeated the same words over and over until she felt pain, a pain that made her feel alone. Who was left, everyone in my life is... is dead...

"Hey! HEY!" Shadow suddenly heard another voice, she quickly opened her eyes once more to only see darkness.

"Stop stop no no." She repeated the words over and over her eyes began to go dull and her heart felt as if it would stop at any second she was going to die, she was going to... be with her mom...

"HEY WAKE UP!" Shadow heard a voice in the midst of the darkness. Who was that? Who was calling for her, suddenly a light appeared in front of her. Where should she go? Should she live? Should she live, for her mom? Yes, for her mother she must. Shadow walked into the light, and it instantly surrounded her covering her body in white light, so soothing and comforting. She closed her eyes once more, thin opening them finding herself in a small looking cave. Where was this? She blinked as the sunlight blinded her adjusting eyes.

"Wher-" She was cut off by another cat sitting next to her, she suddenly felt a hard pain sting on her pelt. She let out a loud yelp of pain.

"Calm down, you were raking yourself, why?" The brown and white cat asked , his expression seemed to expect an answer, though Shadow's lips felt as if they had weights on them. I can't talk? She suddenly felt another jult of pain, her head started to throb as she saw all the blood her claws had on them. Was this, her mothers? Or perhaps her own? "Are you okay? We found you lying on the ground in the middle of the forest, you were with another cat, maybe your mother? Anyways , you both seemed out of it, so we brought both of you back here... but..." the cat stopped looking down deep in thought. But what, what was he hidding? Shadow tryed opening her mouth, but she couldn't, she couldn't say anything! What was wrong with her!?!

"Hey Mossfur, we finished burying that other cat you foun-" the other cat stopped talking once he saw Shadow was awake. "Oh, um, what in meant to say was, uh..." the cat trailed off. Her mother, she's dead? Shadow shook he r head and started raking her pelt again it was her fault it was all her fault! She scraped herself while tears welled inside her eyes.

"Stop that!" Mossfur *yelled grabbing Shadow's paws, though Shadow seemed dull and lifeless, quickly letting Mossfur hold her paws up, she went slack, he body flopped to the ground. She was so dizzy, so, sleepy... "Oh foxdung! She's loosing so much blood!" Mossfur yelled walking around her back and forth as her eye lids began to feel heavy. There's no point in living, none... with that last thought her eyes closed and she let sleep creep in, and everything went silent.*

Chapter Six Shadows

Before you read this chapter you need to know that Shadow is just a kit, and she feels responsible for her mother's death, so she feels she needs to die. Small spoiler so don't read if you don't want to know, but Shadow is going to be part of the prophecy and she already has started to get dreams about things that are going to happen in the clan, she is going to be a character very close to Star Clan. Enjoy!

|| Shadow ||

"Hey, hey wakie wakie!" Shadow heard a gentle voice fill her ears. Who was it? "Come on, I want to play with you!" Shadow slowly opened her eyes, feeling pain sting her pelt and her eyes were full of pain. That's right... her mother's dead... it was all her fault... Shadow slowly arose from her sleeping spot, seeing her pelt covered in cobwebs. "Your awake!" Shadow turned her face to see a gentle looking light brown kit, about her age. "I'm sorry, I must introduce myself, my names Dapplekit, what's yours?" Dapplekit meowed, her blue eyes so gentle and calm made Shadow feel so calm.

"I-I'm Shadow..." Shadow managed to rasp out. Dapplekit's eyes lit up once she said those words. What's her deal?

"It's so nice to meet you! I'm glad we can be friends cause you'd be my first friend, that is a cat..." Dapplekit stopped talking cutting her sentence short. "Sorry, I don't mean to scare you, it's just, normally the other cats are scared of me, so it's been a while since I talked to another cat." Dapplekit said giving a half hearted smile. She didn't seem happy of that, she seemed alone, like her... " What happened to you? You covered in scratch marks!" Dapplekit meowed sniffing her pelt.

"I-I, I scratched myself..." Shadow meowed looking away from Dapplekit once she noticed her saddled face. I don't need you pitty!

"You lost your mother... I'm so sorry..." She heard Dapplekit say, she turned back to her. Shadow nodded, her eyes seemed to get duller every time her mother was mentioned, her once beautiful amber eyes were now almost grey looking.

"Dapplekit!" Shadow suddenly heard a loud meow from the cave's entrance. Dapplekit heated it too and quickly left Shadow, almost as if she was in a hurry. "Sorry about that." Shadow watched as the brown and white cat she saw the other day, Mosspelt walked up to her. "Feeling better, still pain?" He asked slightly tilting his head sniffing her pelt.

"N-no, I'm fine..." Shadow answered slowly.

"Oh, so you can talk." Mosspelt meowed giving a soft giggle. "You know, you shouldn't try to kill yourself like that." Mosspelt meowed, his words came as a suprize to Shadow.

"S-sorry... I just... I want to..." She trailed off with a saddened expression.

"You want to join your mother I'm Star Clan don't you." The tom said his face growing serious.

"What's, Star Clan?" Shadow reluctantly asked. Mosspelt scratched his head , he was so serious now, his face started to scare her.

" It's where cats go when the die." Mosspelt answered, going back to his usual smile. " Don't worry about your mother, she's fine! I bet she wants you to live! And and while I'm at it, what's your name young one?" Mosspelt asks giving and soft gaze.

"Um... I'm Shadow..." Shadow answered, her pelt started to sting as she shifted her paws.

"I see, I bet Silverstar will give you a diffrent name." Mosspelt said looking into the distance. Silverstar? Who's that? Mosspelt seemed to notice her confused face. " Don't worry about it, I'll show you the whole camp." Mosspelt said giving a soft smile. Shadow nodded slightly. She suddenly heard a loud meow come from out of the cave.

"Let all cats old enough to catch pray come forward for a clan meeting!"

"Ahh, I see she decided it's time." Mosspelt meowed nudging her up. " Let's go, you do want to say here, do you not?" Mosspelt meowed. She wanted to stay here, there wasn't anywhere else to go. Shadow quickly rose to her feet, forgetting the pain in her pelt she started to walk out into the sunlight. It brightly shone against her black pelt her eyes filled back with light as the wind brushed against her fur. " Let's go." She heard Mosspelt meow nudging her from one side. They both quickly reached the other cats, Shadow stared blankly at the cats sitting in front of a large rock.

"We all know why were here, because we found a kit in the forest and now his kit will become on of us, and work hard to protect her clan!" A grey cat meowed, most likely Silverstar, as all the other cats waited anxiously. Mosspelt steeped up next to the silver cat and bowed.

"I believe that this kit, Shadow will help to surve our clan! Let us all protect her as she grows into a fine warrior!" Mosspelt meowed signaling for her to come up. She slowly padded up to Mosspelt's side, she felt so nervous.

"Shadow, from now on until you become an apprentice your name shall be Shadowkit, may Star Clan watch over you." The silver cat meowed cupping her head to Shadowkit. She felt pride swell in her chest . I will live, because I need to find the reason to live and all, why does everyone want to continue living?

Chapter Seven Hollypetal

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|| *Shadowkit* ||

Shadowkit huh. What's with the "kit" anyways? Just because you add the word "kit" to your name means your one of them? That makes no sense, what so ever. Mos s pelt told her to stay in what he calls the "med cat's den" What ever that's supposed to mean. He told her that she was still young and could easily be taught the warrior code. He told her that they all fallow this code and Star Clan seems to be important to them. Shadowkit huffed a sigh as her black fur was gently pushed by a breeze. She suddenly heard a voice.

"Shadowkit." She looked around, but no one was there.

" Who's there?" She meowed back a strong gust pushing against her face, making her trip backwards . She landed with a loud yowl.

" Shadowkit , Shadowkit come here." She heard the voice again, but still seeing no one.

"Come where?" She meowed frantically searching for someone.

"Come to Star Clan, we're all waiting." As she heard this a bright light surrounded her body, now feeling no pain in her body she began walking ahead, all she saw was white light, but she felt the urge to walk. "Shadowkit." She heard the voice again, watching as a cat began to emerge from the light.

"Who are you?" Shadowkit asked, her fur stood on end.

"Calm yourself Shadowkit, I am Hollypetal ." T he cat said her fur began to become clearer she had golden brown eyes and a black and white pelt. She looked kind of like the cat breed scotish fold.

" W-what do you want with me?" She asked her pelt started to feel heavy and she felt nervous.

" Don't worry, I am only here to guide you to Star Clan." The she-cat meowed signaling for Shadowkit to fallow. Shadowkit hesitated looking back at the empty space of white light.

"Why am I here, why am I leaving? I'm just, so confused." Shadowkit meowed with a worried look. Hollypetal let out a sigh and turned back to Shadowkit.

"Fallow me I want to show you something before I guide you to Star Clan, I know your confused because you are just now learning about all of us." She meowed nudging her side gently. Suddenly the white light began turning black and Hollypetal began to fade once more. Shadowkit felt anxious now that she was alone again. She closed her eyes, but when she opened them once more, she wasn't in the black empty space, she was in a small field of pink wildflowers.

"Momma!" She suddenly heard voices coming closer. She stood h er ground , softly hissing. She saw two silver kittens who strangely look like Silverstar and a white larger cat walk into view. She saw the smallest kit speak. "Momma, where are we going?" The smallest silver kit asked. She looked just like Silverstar, maybe... what if this is Silverstar!?! Shadowkit gasped watching the young she-cat walking cheerfully with her mother and brother.

" We're going to see Star Clan." The white cat answered with a gentle smile.

"But momma! How are we going to do that?" The tom asked his eyes shining brightly as he skipped alongside his mother and sister.

"Oh my dear Silverkit and Waterkit . I need to talk to Stat Clan, I need to find out why the river has been flooding." The white she-cat meowed gently licking them both. Shadowkit noticed them leaving her. She yelled after them.

"Hey! Excuse me!" She tryed to get their attention but they didn't respond. She decided to walk right in front of them, but they didn't stop and walked right through her. What in Star Clan? She slowly continued fallowing them, this was just a replay of when Silverstar was a kit? But why did Hollypetal want to show her this, what was her point? Suddenly she heard a large yowl, noticing she didn't have the three cats in view.

"Waterkit!" Shadowkit heard the cats despite screams, Shadowkit quickly ran to them, seeing a large wave engorge Waterkit's body. "Waterkit!!" She watched as the white she-cat tryed to grab her kit. Shadowkit raced to them, she had to help!

"Grab onto my paw!" Shadowkit yelled holding her paw out to Waterkit. As if he ignored her he didn't respond. Foxdung, they can't hear her!

"Waterkit! Lilydawn! She heard Silverkit's frantic yowls, her tears consumed her beautiful eyes, she stood and watched as a large wave took both her brother and mother. "MOMMA! WATERKIT!" Silverkit screamed out their names, though they were already gone. Shadowkit started to feel tears in her eyes. Silverstar... you ... you have been through so much pain... She felt he darkness take hold of her again and she saw no more than black space. She saw Hollypetal apear again, her soft gaze calmed Shadowkit.

"Your not the only one who has lost someone, Shadowkit. Everything has to end at one point, now please come with me, I need to show you something in Star Clan." She meowed, the black light flashing, and Shadowkit found herself in a large open forest with a few trees, though near the center of the clearing was a very large group of cats, diffrent ages, sizes, breeds, though they all look so content. "Fallow me Shadowkit." Hollypetal meowed touching her sholder blade with the tip of her tail. Shadowkit nodded padding tward the group of cats. They all stopped talking and immediately focused on her and Hollypetal.

"Who's this?" A lage grey tom asked, his face covered in horrible scars and severe *gashes, it almost made Shadowkit feel sick.*

"Sorry to bring her on such short notice Minnowrain, but this is Shadowkit." Hollypetal answered with a soft smile. Minnowrain's eyes opened wide with suprize.

"This little kit is Shadowkit?!" Minnowrain started to chuckle, including some of the other cats. Hollypetal thrashing her tail glared at Minnowrain. "Your kidding right!?! Really this can't be the one." He said looking disappointed. So confused... what was her purpose, what did they mean " the one"?

"Respect her! You all know what will become of her, so start acting like

you should!" Hollypetal spat, all the cats instantly stopped talking, their eyes intent on Hollypetal and Shadowkit. What was Hollypetal talking about? This just made her more confused.

"So this is the Shadowkit." Shadowkit suddenly heard a low voice ring amongst all the cats. The cats slowly moved aside as a large spotted greyish silver tom walked before her.

"B-B-Blizzardstar?" Hollypetal meowed, here eyes wide with suprize as she began to studder on her words. Who was this Blizzardstar? Was he important?

" Hello young one." Blizzardstar meowed gently gazing apon Shadowkit.

"H-hello, nice to um, meet you." Shadowkit meowed looking at the tom's large muscular body, he looked so strong...

" I'm so happy to meet you, I expect great things from you in the future, become the best warrior you can! Respect the warrior code, and work for your clan to the best of your abilities." Blizzardstar meowed a grin plastered on his face.

"Uh, t-thank you." Shadowkit meowed in response dipping her head to the large tom.

"Please excuse me, I must tend to other matters, but I expect to see you soon." He meowed before padding away. Who-was-that? Shadowkit suddenly felt her eyelids grow heavy. She closed them, reopening them to find her back in the med cat's den. What just happened...

StreamClan Review

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Note:

StreamClan actually has a reason why it's so tiny, you'll find out later in the story, but it's crazy to think they only have three warriors!

Leader: *Silverstar*

Deputy: *Coldfoot*

Medcat: *Mosspelt*

Warriors:

Stonetail

Duskbreeze

Smalltail

Apprentices: *None*

Kits:

*Shadowkit- (*mother died) black furred she-cat with amber colored eyes

Dapplekit- (mother Gingerhoney) light brown furred she-cat with blue eyes

Queens:

Gingerhoney (mother to Dapplekit)

Elders: *None*

Chapter Eight Stonetail

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|| Shadowkit ||

Shadowkit slowly arose from her moss covered nest she slept in. Mosspelt had given her a place to stay which he called the Nursery, where kits and their mothers stayed until they had something called the naming ceremony, where they became something called an apprentice where they studied to be a warrior and thin they tried to become leader or deputy, but only showed their decision for this position by being loyal to the clan. Mosspelt had been intently teaching her all the basics of clan life. Aside from that, Shadowkit had been trying to understand what Hollypetal was talking about. She was " the one", what ever that means... Shadowkit slowly creeped out of the Nursery and out into the bright sunlight. She let her eyes close as a gentle breeze his her fur, it was so calming

"Morning Shadowkit." Shadowkit opened her eyes to see one of the younger cats, Stonetail before her, his eyes met her 's with a soft gaze.

"Hey Stonetail." She quickly answered dipping her head.

"I was going to the river near our camp, care to join me?" He asked turning away.

"U-uh, sure." Shadowkit answered padding quickly next to Stonetail.

"I feel bad." Stonetail randomly meows while Shadowkit was walking with him, heading to the river.

"Why?" She asks tilting her head.

"Because you have scars all over your body, it looks like someone raked you over and over again. It looks like it was painful." He meowed, his voice growing gradually softer, and his expression was filled with greef.

" Don't worry about it, I'm fine." Shadowkit meowed trying to comfort him.

" We're here." Stonetail meowed as they came into a clearing with a large lake. Shadowkit suddenly remembered the dream she had about Silverstar's past. Waterkit...Lilydawn... they both died...it was by, water, it was all this water's fault. Shadowkit padded over to the large river, peering into her reflection. She was covered in large scars, these were her own claw marks, she had done this to herself. She deserved this. Shadowkit couldn't help but let out a sigh, that Stonetail happened to hear. "You okay?" Stonetail asked out of worry.

" I'm fine." Shadowkit meowed quickly in reply trying to drop the subject. Stonetail struggled and looked over he crystal clear water. Shadowkit heard a faint splashing noise from the water. "Do you hear that?" Shadowkit asked Stonetail, but he shook his head and gave a concerned look. The noise became louder until she could faintly see a fish in her sight, on the other side of the river? Shadowkit quickly got up and ran to where she had seen, and there was an silver fish. She slowly creeped up on it, tying hard not to scare it, keeping her shadow out of view. She quickly swung her paw into the water, grabbing the fish , giving it a quick killing bite. Just thin Stonetail came padding up beside her.

"Wow! That's amazing!" Stonetail meowed, his eyes wide with suprize. " Let's go show Silverstar!" He meowed rushing off back tward camp.

" It's not a big deal or anything." She meowed running to him, the fish still in her jaws.

"Oh, but it is. I've never seen a kit, old or not, catch a fish on their first try! That's truly amazing Shadowkit!" Stonetail meowed smiling. Shadowkit blushed at the sudden praise.

"Hey, Stonetail, is it normal for me to get dreams from StarClan?" Shadowkit asked quicjly, remembering that StarClan seemed important to Mosspelt. Stonetail's eyes grew wide with suprize.

"No, normally only the med cat and leader get dreams from StarClan, let alone a kit who just joined a clan." Stonetail meowed staring at the ground, his forehead wrinkled as he thought deeply.

"I-Im sorry, but, I'm not sure what to do." Shadowkit meowed confused on what it meant by it was special to get dreams. "I thought it was just normal dreams." Shadowkit meowed trying to make eye contact with Stonetail, but he was just avoiding her gaze.

"You need to go talk with Silverstar." He meowed grabbing the fish from Shadowkit's jaws. She nodded, padding in the direction of Silverstar's den. Her pelt felt heavy as she walked to the she-cat's den.

"Hello, Silverstar, may I come in?" She asked at the door to the entrance .

"Ah, yes please do come in Shadowkit." Shadowkit walked in suprized that Silverstar knew she was there.

" How'd you know it was me?" She asked walking up to Silverstar. Silverstar pointed to her nose and beckoned for her to sit. She dipped her head and sat on the feather-covered ground.

"So, what can I help you with?" She asked giving a concerned face. Shadowkit quickly cleared her throat.

" I've been getting dreams from StarClan and Stonetail told me that's unusual, and that I talk to you." Shadowkit meowed as Silverstar's gaze became more serious.

"I see." She said giving a large heave, stretching one of her paws. "What was it they showed you? And who did you see?"

"I meet Hollypetal, Minnowrain, and Blizzardstar." She meowed, opening her mouth to continue answering Silverstar's questions, but she was stopped by her.

"Blizzardstar, are you absolutely positive? It was Blizzardstar?" She meowed her gaze hardened into a cold stare. Shadowkit genuinely nodded.

" I'm positive, even Hollypetal seemed suprized when he came to speak with me, they all said I was "the one", what ever that means." Shadowkit meowed shrugging. Silverstar's eyes widened with suprize and confusion.

"The one huh..." Silverstar meowed staring off into the distance.

"Do you have any idea of what that could mean?" Shadowkit asked her leader, positive that she could get an answer from the wise she-cat, but Silverstar just shook her head.

"I'm afraid not, but it has to be important, don't take StarClan's dreams lightly" Silverstar meowed, signaling for Shadowkit to continue her story.

"So, I was shown by Hollypetal your past when you were a kit, you and you mother and brother Waterkit were skipping to see StarClan, but Waterkit and Lilydawn-" She was cut off by Silverstar.

"Enough." Silverstar meowed narrowing her eyes, her pelt seemed riddled with anger as her eyes looked suddenly saddened. He mother and brother must have ment the world to her. "Why did they, why show that to you..." Silverstar asked herself, before looking back to Shadowkit. "Thank you for telling me about this, not I ask that you leave me." Silverstar meowed her eyes filled with greef, and she looked alone. Shadowkit nodded and left Silverstar alone with her thoughts. Poor Silverstar...

Chapter Nine Apprentices

|| Dapplekit ||

"Let all cats old enough to catch their own pray join me for a clan meeting!" Dapplekit heard on her way back to the nursery. She quickly joined Shadowkit, her new friend, to the clan meeting.

"You think we're going to become apprentices?" She asked, wondering if Mosspelt had talked about being an apprentice yet. Shadowkit just shrugged and focused back on Silverstar, who approached the high rock.

"Today I would like to make Dapplekit and Shadowkit apprentices. We have been in need of apprentices, and warriors, though we don't lack in strength! Our clan is stronger than most, even with only three warriors able to battle." Silverstar meowed confidentially, beckoning for us to join her on the rock. We both nodded and padded to her side, dipping our heads. "From now on, until they gain their warrior names, hey will be known as Dapplepaw and Shadowpaw! Stonetail, you have just become a warrior recently, but Smalltail taught you well, and I want you to mentor Shadowpaw , teach her well." Silverstar meowed as Stonetail padded up to Shadowpaw touching her nose and walking off somewhere together. "As for Dapplepaw her mentor-" Dapplepaw quickly cut Silverstar off.

"I want to become a med cat." She meowed, as pride welled up inside her chest. She had been deciding this for a while now. Silverstar seemed suprized, but quickly nodded in agreement.

"Very well. Mosspelt will be Dapplepaw's mentor, teach her well my friend." Silverstar meowed bowing to Mosspelt as he appeared beside Dapplepaw. They touched noses and he signaled for her to fallow, she nodded and padded alongside Mosspelt.

"We can use your ability to our advantage." Mosspelt suddenly meowed as they approached the med cat's den. She wondered what he had in

mind...

Chapter Ten Stonetail's confession

|| Shadowpaw ||

Shadowpaw quickly fallowed after Stonetail as they finished their tour of the clan borders. She noticed that Stonetail hadn't talked to her unless necessary, and stared at the ground. He seemed unable to meet her gaze.

"Hey Stonetail-" He cut her off, not letting her finish.

"Don't talk to me." He meowed thrashing his tail. "I'm taking you to the apprentices den and thin leaving." He meowed walking faster, Shadowpaw quickened her pace. She felt she had done something wrong to make Stonetail mad, but what was it? She held her head low in shame as they grew near to the apprentices den. She noticed as Stonetail stopped for a second looking back to her, it suprized her. "You can walk by yourself the rest of the way." He meowed walking away, almost in a run. What was his problem? Shadowpaw quickly padded into the empty apprentices den, it was filled with moss beds, diffrent scents still hung in the air of each cat that had been an apprentice. She started to wonder what had happened to StreamClan, why was it so small, and why *couldn't her mother, Gingerhoney, talk about it to her? She chose a moss nest with small robin feathers carefully placed into it. She left out a sigh, letting sleep consume her body, and she fell asleep.*

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"Shadowpaw!" She suddenly heard someone call her name, her eyelids still heavy from sleep, gradually opened to see Dapplepaw.

"Yeah?" She meowed, still half asleep, licking her paw.

"Your gana be late! We're leaving for the gathering tonight!" Dapplepaw meowed, she looked over Dapplepaw and saw that it was still dark outside. Her first gathering! That made her pelt pickle with exitement. "

Let's go hurry up!" Dapplepaw meowed jumping up and down.

"Alright alright." She meowed fallowing her out of the den. Once out she saw that Silverstar brought Stonetail, Coldfoot, Gingerhoney, Mosspelt, Dapplepaw, and her. She was astonished to how little StreamClan actually was. Silverstar flicked her tail padding off to the gathering location. All the cats fallowed her, they all walked swiftly, none of them showing any signs of slowing. Once they reached the clearing to the gathering location, Shadowpaw go t to see first hand how much bigger the clans were. She even started to count all the cats.

"One, two, three.." There are six cats that came for each clan, so each clan has at least two or more warriors staying at the clan camp, so they all have more warriors than StreamClan! Shadowpaw quickly turned back to the gathering once she noticed Silverstar, Shadestar, and Lightstar were all about to start.

"I shall start." She heard Silverstar meow gazing apon the clans, she didn't look the slightest nervous. "Prey is plentiful, and we are gaining more clan members everyday. We have gained two apprentices, Shadowpaw and Dapplepaw." Silverstar meowed while everyone shouted out thier names. Shadowpaw smiled and puffed out her chest in pride. She looked over to Dapplepaw to her amazement had a bluejay resting on her sholder. What in StarClan? Dapplepaw noticed that Shadowpaw was gazing at her and returned her confused gaze with a soft warm smile. Shadowpaw was confused, but trusted the small gentle she-cat.

One the gathering was over Silverstar gathered StreamClan into a circle and started to speak.

"Once we get back I want Coldfoot, Shadowpaw, Smalltail, and Duskbreeze to go on a patrol of the MoonClan's boarders." Silverstar meowed, signaling for everyone to go back. Shadowpaw quickly ran to meet up with her mentor. She looked over at Stonetail's blank stare. He seemed to be ignoring her, but why?

"Hey, um, Stonetail?" Shadowpaw meowed looking at the saddened cats gaze. He quickly looked up at her, clearly just noticing she was there.

"O-oh... hey Shadowpaw..." He meowed, glancing away from her, focusing more on where he was going.

" I'm sorry, did I do something? I thought that-" She suddenly lost her footing, and tripped, Stonetail noticed her toppling down and rushed to her side, stopping her from hurting herself . Silverstar noticed that Shadowpaw had fallen, but once Stonetail caught her, she only smiled to herself and signaled for the rest of the cats to fallow her, even though they all looked back to Shadowpaw and Stonetail.

"Shadowpaw! Are... are you okay?" Stonetail meowed his voice rang with concern.

"U-uh, yeah, I think..." Shadowpaw meowed, opening her eyes, to see the uncomfortable position she was in. Stonetail was cuddling her body with his own, he looked very concerned. Shadowpaw quickly got off Stonetail and slightly blushed. "Eh, um..." She studdered, feeling her heart beating faster. Stonetail let out a soft sigh and walked over to her, his gentle gaze swept into her eyes. Shadowpaw felt tears welling up in her eyes, she fell limp as she fell back to the ground . She wailed as pain welled inside her chest, as tears poored out of her eyes. Stonetail walked over to her side, gently licking her ear, his soft pelt brushing against her own. All the pain, everything she had to experience, it was all coming back , along with brutal pain and agony. She had never had the chance to greave for her mother's death, but now all that pain that she had kept inside started to come out.

"Let it all out..." Stonetail meowed, his tail brushing Shadowpaw's back. She tryed to control the tears, but all the pain, her mother, her loneliness, it all came back and painfully stabbed her heart. She let out another wail as she raked her now unsheathed claws into the ground. Stonetail lowered his gaze, squeezing Shadowpaw closer and started mumbled something . Shadowpaw noticed and stopped crying, tying to regain herself.

"W-what'd you say?" She meowed , sniffing, wiping away the tears from her cheaks.

"Ah, it's nothing." Stonetail meowed giving a soft smile. Shadowpaw quickly noticed that they were extremely close together, their muzzles so close they were practically touching, Shadowpaw quickly tryed to move out of Stonetail's tight grip, but he didn't let her go. "Don't leave..." Stonetail gently meowed his voice becoming softer as he whispered into her ear. "I-" He was cut off by a sound coming from the bush a few

paces away. Stonetail quickly lept to his feat , his gaze hardened into a cold stare to where he sound came from. Before she could get up, Coldfoot came out of the bush, as he looked at Stonetail, thin to Shadowpaw, and back again.

"Mk..." He meowed giggling to himself. Stonetail trashes his tail giving Coldfoot a cold stare. "Wo, no need to get angry, I just needed Shadowpaw cause she's supposed to go on the patrol." Coldfoot meowed turning his gaze back to Shadowpaw. That's right... Shadowpaw quickly jumped to her feet and nodded to Coldfoot.

"Ugh, Coldfoot, you always come in at the wrong times." Stonetail meows, letting out a soft sigh, Coldfoot smiles and turns back to Shadowpaw, which makes her jump.

"H-h-hey don't look at me like that!" She quickly defending herself, her eyes puffy from all the tears, which Coldfoot seams to notice , but he only shrugs and walks away in the direction of the camp. Shadowpaw quickly runs after Coldfoot, but before she could catch up with him, Stonetail grabs her, and pulls her back, taking her by suprize.

"Shadowpaw, I need to tell you something..." He says whispering into Shadowpaw's ear, making her heart beat faster. "I-love-you." He meows giving a soft grin , letting his gaze rest on Shadowpaw. She quickly starts to look away, her heart beating faster, and her face felt hot. " I've been wondering, about, your feelings." Stonetail meows gently hugging Shadowpaw.

"U-uh, my feelings? W-well, uh, um..." Shadowpaw quickly trys to find the words to say, but seems to have lost the words to say.

" Don't worry about it, go and fulfill your duties and tell me later okay." Stonetail meows, pointing to a bush, where Coldfoot slowly comes out of. Shadowpaw quickly notices that he must have heard their whole conversation.

"U-uh..." Shadowpaw feels flustered and embarrassed. "Did you know Stonetail!?!" She quickly asks frustrated. He slowly nods , unable to control a merrow of laughter. Shadowpaw quickly turns away from Stonetail and walks up to Coldfoot. "Come on." She meowed, the deputy's face suprized for a second, before he fallowed after her,

glancing back at Stonetail, but quickly leaving the clearing.

Author's Note

Hey guys, I decided to make this the end of the first book. If you really want me to make a second book I'll be glad to, it's just I don't feel like this book is getting anywhere and getting boring. Please correct me if you think it's still got something going. ^_^

~ Ebonykitty ♡